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SUBJECT: TURKISH BASE NEGOTIATIONS

REF: A) ANKARA 197; B) STATE 26985

1. THIS HAS BEEN A DISCOURAGING NEGOTIATING DAY. AS
A RESULT OF WASHINGTON'S REJECTION (REF A) OF AN IMPORT/
EXPORT, ANNEXES AND CONSTRUCTION/CHANGE "PACKAGE" WORKED
OUT AT THE WORKING GROUP LEVEL, THE ALREADY OVER-
BURDENED ELEKDAG-MACOMBER AGENDA HAS BEEN SWELLED
WITH NEW ITEMS AND THE TURKS HAVE BACKED OFF FROM

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PREVIOUS OFFERS IN THIS AREA. EQUALLY DISCOURAGING WERE

THE RESULTS OF ELEKDAG-MACOMBER DISCUSSION OF WASHINGTON'S COMMAND AND CONTROL PROPOSALS. AS WASHINGTON IS AWARE, THE TWO SIDES HAD WORKED OUT WHAT BOTH NEGOTIATING TEAMS BELIEVED TO BE A RESOURCEFUL FORMULA TO MEET THE ESSENTIAL NEEDS OF EACH. THAT COMPROMISE IS NOW IMPERILED AS A RESULT OF OUR PURSUIT OF AMMENDMENTS REQUESTED IN REF B.

2. AFTER AMBASSADOR HAD ARGUED AT LENGTH FOR THE TWO CHANGES IN COMMAND AND CONTROL ARTICLE V, ELEKDAG TOLD HIM FLATLY THAT, IF US INSISTS ON EITHER OF THESE CHANGES THE ENTIRE COMMAND AND CONTROL COMPROMISE IS OFF. THE AMBASSADOR HAS ASKED ELEKDAG TO SLEEP ON US AMENDMENTS, BUT WE HAVE NO REAL HOPE HE WILL CHANGE HIS MIND. IN FACT, TO PRESS FURTHER FOR THE KIND OF CHANGES REF B REQUESTS WOULD, NEGOTIATING TEAM'S JUDGMENT, ONLY FURTHER JEOPARDIZE A SOLUTION WHICH THE AMBASSADOR AND ALL OF HIS ADVISORS HERE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE MEETS OUR BASIC REQUIREMENTS AND AT THE SAME TIME REPRESENTS THE OUTER LIMITS OF TURKISH "GIVE". THEREFORE, UNSS THERE IS A NEW TURKISH INITIATIVE ON THIS SUBJECT, THE AMBASSADOR DOES NOT PLAN TO PURSUE IT FURTHER HERE IN THE ANKARA TALKS FORUM. TO DO SO, HE BELIEVES, WOULD UNDULY RISK THE LOSS OF WHAT HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE.
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